Production of Natural Gas from Tapti fields

*132. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present production of natural gas from Tapti fields;

(b) whether it is a fact that production of gas from Tapti fields will increase substantially in the near future; and

(c) if so, whether Government will consider to allocate gas for Pipavav gas based power project in Gujarat from the Tapti fields?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY): (a) The present rate of gas production from Tapti field is about 5 MMSCMD.

(b) Production of natural gas from Tapti fields may increase but the exact potential will be known only after assessment of reservoir charcterstics of the field, which is in progress.

(c) Depending on the quantum of additional availability; allocation of gas to Pipavav Power Projects will be considered alongwith other similar requests.

बांका जिले में पेट्रोल पम्प

*133. **श्री जनार्दन यादव:** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को पता है कि बांका जिले के बांका नगर में तीन पेट्रोल पम्प एजेंसियां थीं;

(ख) क्या सरकार को यह भी पता है कि उक्त तीन पेट्रोल पम्पों में से दो पेट्रोल पम्प अब बन्द हो चुके हैं;

(ग) क्या सरकार बन्द हुए इन दो पेट्रोल पम्पों के स्थान पर दो नए पेट्रोल पम्प लगाने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री के० राममूर्ति): (क) और (ख) जी नहीं। जिला बांका के बांका नगर में केवल एक खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्र डीलरशिप है।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Use of CNG in rural areas

134. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETOLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) produced in the country presently;

(b) whether production will increase over the next three years;

(c) whether any effort has been made to find other uses for CNG in rural areas;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have not initiated any plans or initiative to exploit CNG fully; and

(e) what are the reasons for neglecting a pollution free fuel?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY): (a) Presently, 0.054 MMSCMD of compressed natural gas is produced in the country.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Presently, CNG is used to reduce vehicular pollution in cities where natural gas supply is available through pipelines.

(d) and (e) 26 CNG dispensing stations are working in the country catering to almost 12,000 vehicles.

Ninth Five Year Plan

*135. SHRI SANATAN BISI. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any delay earlier, as in the case of Ninth Five Year Plan by two years;

(b) what was the pegged budgetary deficit at that point of time;

(c) whether the observations made by Nobel laureate Amartya Sen have been included in the Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?